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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Hermosa Hotel,

Complainant,

vs.

Southern California Edison Company
(U338E),

Defendant.

Case 13-04-005
(Filed April 5, 2013)**ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE****Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to October 6, 2014.

Background

Pub. Util. Code § 1701.2(d) provides that adjudicatory cases shall be resolved within 12 months of the date that they are initiated unless the Commission makes findings as to why that deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending that deadline. This matter has been categorized as adjudicatory, and the 12-month deadline for resolving this proceedings ends on April 6, 2014.

A prehearing conference (PHC) was held in this proceeding on August 26, 2013. At the PHC after expressing the desire to attempt settlement of their dispute, the parties were directed to report on their progress in late September of

2013. On September 15, 2013, the parties in the proceeding requested additional time to pursue settlement of their dispute. By electronic ruling dated September 19, 2013, the presiding Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) granted the parties' request and directed them to report on their progress in 60 days. On November 19, 2013, the parties reported to the ALJ that while significant progress has been made, they required additional time to attempt to resolve their dispute. On December 18, 2013, the parties were granted additional time to attempt to resolve their dispute and directed to provide a report on their progress on January 14, 2014. Prior to January 14th check-in date the parties again reported to the ALJ that while significant progress had been made, they required additional time to work on resolving their dispute. In granting this request the presiding ALJ also directed the parties to provide an agreed upon schedule for the proceeding that will be followed if they are not able to settle the dispute by the end of the most recent extension. At this point, if hearings are necessary they will not likely finish in time to allow a decision within the time afforded by statute. Therefore, this order extends the time for completion of this proceeding until October 6, 2014.

Waiver of Comment Period

Under Rule 14.6(c)(4) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may reduce or waive the period for public review and comment on proposed decisions extending the deadline for resolving adjudicatory proceedings. Accordingly, pursuant to this rule, the otherwise applicable period for public review and comment is waived.

Assignment of Proceeding

Carla J. Peterman is the assigned Commissioner and Darwin E. Farrar is the assigned ALJ and presiding Officer in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. The 12-month deadline for resolving this complaint case is April 6, 2014.
2. An extension of time until October 6, 2014, should give the parties time to either resolve their dispute or present their case for adjudication.

Conclusions of Law

1. The deadline for resolving this proceeding should be extended until October 6, 2014.
2. This matter should be effective immediately.

IT IS ORDERED that the time for completion of this complaint case is extended until October 6, 2014.

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.